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1. BANGKOK ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER THE NATION COMPLAINS JUNE 18 ABOUT A UPI STORY FROM WASHINGTON QUOTING THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AS DESCRIBING THE LOCATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES " IN U.S. TERRITORY" AND INCLUDING IN ITS LISTING "U.S. BASES" IN THAILAND. ASSUMING THE STORY QUOTES THE DOCUMENT ACCURATELY, WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT OBVIOUSLY THAILAND IS NOT "U.S. TERRITORY" AND THAT WE HAVE NO "U.S. BASES" IN THAILAND. THE BASES HERE BELONG TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS ALLOWED THE U.S. TO USE PORTIONS OF THEM. IN REFERRING TO THE BASES, SPOKESMEN COULD DESCRIBE THEM AS "U.S. FACILITIES AT THAI BASES," BUT NOT UNDER THE GENERAL HEADING OF U.S. TERRITORIES.

2. TEXT OF THE NATION ITEM, WHICH RAN ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE UNDER THE TITLE "WHOSE TERRITORY?" FOLLOWS.

3. (BEGIN TEXT) NOW, DON'T GET EXCITED-BUT DO PAY SOME ATTENTION TO THIS UPI REPORT FROM WASHINGTON YESTERDAY IN WHICH "THAILAND (US BASES)" IS CLASSIFIED AS "US TERRITORY."

4. AN INADVERTENT MISTAKE? LACK OF FARSIGHTEDNESS? FOR ALL WE KNOW, THE STORY COULD HAVE GONE UNNOTICED IN MAY OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. THIS IS HOW THE STORY GOES: WASHINGTON, JUNE 17 - THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED

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BREAKDOWN OF THE LOCATION OF 131,441 REFUGEES IN US TERRITORY AS

OF MONDAY. (FIGURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAILY).

GUAM	25,734
WAKE ISLAND	6,970
SUBIN BAY	2,116
THAILAND (US BASES)	89
CLARK AIR FORCE BASE	75
HICKAM FIELD, HAWAII	102
TOTAL IN PACIFIC	35,086

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